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SUBJ: U.S. WATER RESOURCES TRADE MISSION

REF: (A) STATE 248441, (B) USDOC 18128

1. WATER RESOURCES MISSION PLANS CALL FOR JAN 13 TO 18 (THURSDAY - TUESDAY) UAE VISIT. THURSDAY EVENING ARRIVAL NOT PARTICULARLY CONVENIENT, BUT WE CAN LIVE WITH SCHEDULE PROPOSED BELOW. FRIDAY WOULD BE TOALLY LOST DAY IN ABU DHABI SO WE RECOMMEND UAE PORTION OF MISSION BEGIN IN DUBAI.

FRIDAY COULD THEN BE PUT TO FRUITFUL USE WITH TOUR OF NORTHERN EMIRATES, THE UAE'S PRINCIPAL AGRICULTURAL AREA.

2. DUBAI CONTROL OFFICER WILL DISCUSS POSSIBILITIES FOR DUBAI RECEPTION WITH PLANAGAN, BUT THIRD NIGHT OF MISSION VISIT (SAT, JAN 15) IS FIRST NIGHT GOOD RECEPTION ATTENDANCE COULD BE ASSURED. RECEPTION ON THURS (JAN 13) OR FRI (JAN 14) WOULD PROBABLY FLOP AS MANY BUSINESSMEN AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS LEAVE DUBAI ON WEEKEND.

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HOSTED RECEPTION IN ABU DHABI CAN

BE SET UP FOR EVENING OF JAN 16 OR 17 DEPENDING ON
EXACT ARRIVAL TIME ON THE SIXTEENTH.

3. SCHEDULE WE PROPOSE (WITHIN TIME ALLOTED REFTEL) IS:

THURSDAY JAN 13 ARRIVE IN DUBAI IN LATE EVENING

FRIDAY JAN 14 TOUR NORTHERN EMIRATES

SATURDAY JAN 15 IN DUBAI

SUNDAY JAN 16 IN DUBAI. LEAVE FOR ABU DHABI IN

AFTERNOON.

MONDAY JAN 17 IN ABU DHABI

TUESDAY JAN 18 IN ABU DHABI. LEAVE FOR BAGHDAD

IN LATE AFTERNOON.

4. WE ARE HOLDING CONFIRMED HOTEL RESERVATIONS FOR MISSION FOR:

DUBAI INTERCONTINENTAL: 12 SINGLES AND ONE SUITE FOR

JAN 13, 14 AND 15.

ABU DHABI HILTON: 6 DOUBLES (SINGLES NOT AVAILABLE) AND

ONE SUITE FOR JAN 16 AND 17.

5. WE HAVE CONFIRMED RESERVATIONS FOR PLANAGAN AT DUBAI-

INTERCON FOR DEC 9, 10, AND 11 AND AT ABU DHABI-HILTON FOR

DEC 12 AND 13.

6. ACTION OFFICERS ARE: ABU DHABI, ROBERT COURTNEY AND
DUBAI, CHARLES CURRIER.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: PLS CONFIRM IF SCHEDULE PARA 3 SATIS-
FACTORY. ALSO, BOTH INTERCON AND HILTON NEED MORE INFORMATION
TO RESERVE CONFERENCE ROOM (THERE ARE VARIOUS SIZES AVAILABLE).
HOW MANY PEOPOLE WILL BE IN CONF ROOM AND WHAT FURNITURE
LAYOUT (CINCEMA, ROUND-TOUBLE, ETC.) WILL BE REQUIRED? CONF
ROOM AVAIL IN ABU DHABI ARE DESIGNED TO ACCOMMODATE 30, 40, 50
OR 250 PEOPLE. THERE ARE SIMILAR CHOICES AT DUBAI INTERCON.
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